



September 27, 2018

American Oversight  
Austin R. Evers, Executive Director  
1030 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite B255  
Washington, DC 20005

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request NGC18-439

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated August 29, 2018 and received in our offices on the same day. Your request was assigned tracking number NARA-NGC-2018-000818, and the internal tracking number NGC18-439. Your original request stated the following:

- 1.) All processing notes related to any FOIA request—including the release of responsive records—filed by America Rising, the Congressional Leadership Fund, or any other individual or entity, regarding Abigail Spanberger and her work history, personnel forms, and security clearance processing forms, including the SF-86. Please provide all responsive records from July 10, 2017, through the date of the search.
- 2.) All processing notes related to any Privacy Act request—including the release of responsive records—regarding Abigail Spanberger and her work history, personnel forms, and security clearance processing forms, including the SF-86. Please provide all responsive records from July 10, 2017, through the date of the search.
- 3.) All records reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, voicemail transcripts, messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Lync, Skype, WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger, Twitter Direct Messages, or Signal), telephone call logs, calendar invitations, calendar entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any oral communications, summaries of any oral communications, or other materials) related to any FOIA request filed by America Rising, the Congressional Leadership Fund, or any other individual or entity, regarding Abigail Spanberger and her work history, personnel forms, and security clearance

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RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

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processing forms, including the SF-86. Please provide all responsive records from July 10, 2017, through the date of the search.

In addition to the records requested above, American Oversight also requests records describing the processing of this request, including records sufficient to identify search terms used and locations and custodians searched and any tracking sheets used to track the processing of this request. If your agency uses FOIA questionnaires or certifications completed by individual custodians or components to determine whether they possess responsive materials or to describe how they conducted searches, we also request any such records prepared in connection with the processing of this request.

With regard to items one and two of your request, we located 12 documents totaling 13 pages. We are releasing all 13 pages in part pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) and (b)(7)(e). Exemption (b)(6) protects the release of information the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This would include sensitive information considered to be personally identifiable. Exemption (b)(7)(E) protects information that could potentially disclose law enforcement techniques and procedures. This exemption was used to protect internal codes that are part of an electronic filing system.

With regard to the remainder of your FOIA request, we located 67 email documents totaling 299 pages. We are releasing these pages in part with redactions pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(5) and (b)(7)(E). Exemption (b)(5) protects communications that are deliberative in nature and the disclosure of which would reveal inter-agency and intra-agency discussions. Additionally, you will also find the 11 documents posted in our reading room at: <https://www.archives.gov/foia/electronic-reading-room>

This completes the processing of your FOIA request.

If you are not satisfied with our action on this request, you have the right to file an administrative appeal within ninety (90) calendar days from the date of this letter via regular U.S. mail or email. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under FOIA and give the agency a chance to review and reconsider your request and the agency's decision. If you submit your appeal in writing, please address it to the Deputy Archivist of the United States (ND), National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." If you submit your appeal by e-mail please send it to [FOIA@nara.gov](mailto:FOIA@nara.gov), also addressed to the Deputy Archivist of the United States. Please be sure to explain why you believe this response does not meet the requirements of the FOIA. All correspondence should reference your case tracking number NGC18-439 and *FOIAonline* Tracking Number NARA-NGC-2018-000786.

If you would like to discuss our response before filing an appeal to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Gary M. Stern, for assistance at:

Gary M. Stern  
General Counsel and Chief FOIA Officer

8601 Adelphi Road, Suite 3110  
College Park, MD 20740-6002  
301-837-1750  
[garym.stern@nara.gov](mailto:garym.stern@nara.gov)

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is cited below:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740-6001  
[ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
[ogis.archives.gov](http://ogis.archives.gov)  
202-741-5770  
1-877-684-6448

You may also contact me directly at the number below, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Wanda Williams  
Deputy FOIA Officer  
National Archives and Records Administration  
Office of General Counsel  
(301) 837-0773  
[wanda.williams@nara.gov](mailto:wanda.williams@nara.gov)

# FAX

**Date:** 07/09/2018**Pages including cover sheet:** 2

<b>To:</b>	
<b>Phone</b>	
<b>Fax Number</b>	(618) 935-3014

<b>From:</b>	America Rising
	America Rising
	1500 Wilson Blvd
	Arlington
	VA 22209
<b>Phone</b>	17036723776
<b>Fax Number</b>	(703) 348-4642

**NOTE:**

FOIA request

# AMERICA RISING

CORPORATION

1500 Wilson Boulevard, 5th Floor, Arlington, VA 22209

2018 JUL -9 PM 2: 59

July 9, 2018

**VIA FAX:** (618) 935-3014

National Personnel Records Center  
1411 Boulder Boulevard  
Valmeyer, IL 62295

To whom it may concern:

This is a request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act for access to certain records contained in the official civilian personnel file of former federal employee Abigail Spanberger. Specifically, this request seeks records reflecting Ms. Spanberger's employment dates, annual salaries, title, and position description. To facilitate the agency's search, below is additional information concerning Ms. Spanberger:

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<b>SSN:</b>	(b) (6)
<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Postal Inspection Service
<b>Date of Service:</b>	2002-2006 (approx.)

For fee purposes, America Rising should be categorized as an "all other" requester in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(III). America Rising intends to inform the public about the existence and content of any disclosed records, which concern the qualifications of a candidate for Congress. America Rising is not making this request on behalf of any client, nor does it intend to use the records for financial gain. See, e.g., ARCHIVE, [www.americarisingarchive.com](http://www.americarisingarchive.com) (America Rising's document library).

America Rising agrees to pay applicable fees up to \$25.00. To reduce the burden of production, America Rising will accept records electronically or double-sided copies.

Thank you in advance for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

/s/

Allan Blutstein

Vice President, FOIA Operations

Tel.: (703) 672-3776

Email: [ablutstein@americarisingllc.com](mailto:ablutstein@americarisingllc.com)

**REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL PERSONNEL FOLDER**

(SEPARATED EMPLOYEE)

1. DATE OF REQUEST

7/9/2018

**SECTION I - TO BE COMPLETED BY REQUESTING PERSONNEL OFFICE**

2. CURRENT NAME (Last, first, middle)

SPANBERGER, ABIGAIL

3. DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy)

(b) (6)

4. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

(b) (6)

**NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION**  
**NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER**  
 (Civilian Personnel Records)  
 1411 Boulder Boulevard  
 Valmeyer, IL 62295-2603

Fax Number: (618) 935-3014

ONE FORM IS REQUIRED FOR EACH FOLDER REQUESTED. REQUESTS MAY BE FAXED OR MAILED TO THE NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER.

**5. PREVIOUS FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT**

AGENCY AND BUREAU	LOCATION	FROM	TO
USPS	WASHINGTON DC	1/24/2004	7/6/2006 ✓

6. REASON FOR REQUEST (Check appropriate box.)

- ☐ a. Currently employed. ☐ b. Temporary use. ☐ c. Pre-employment consideration. Will retain folder if hired.

7. Remarks

**SECTION II - FOR USE BY RECORDS CENTER**☒ a. Paper OPF Folder shipped.☐ h. Folder was sent (Date)☐ b. eOPF Folder transmitted.

To:

☐ c. eOPF Paper Copy shipped.

☐ d. Paper / eOPF (Circle one or both) record/s restricted. Transcript of Service will be sent

☐ Your Agency

☐ e. Our search did not reveal a Paper OPF or eOPF record for the civilian Federal employment claimed.

☐ I. Other/details

☐ f. Paper OPF Folder not located. For a former employee of your agency, we suggest a further search of your agency. If still unlocated, verify name, date of birth and social security number, and return request to NPRC together with the date folder was transferred to NPRC and several names, dates of birth, and social security numbers of other folders in same shipment.

☐ g. Our search found evidence of a Paper OPF folder that has not been received by this center. Suggest that you contact the last employing office.

DATE  
7/16/2018

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**SECTION III - TO BE COMPLETED BY REQUESTING PERSONNEL OFFICE**

FULL NAME OF REQUESTING AGENCY (INCLUDE SUB AGENCY)	NAME OF REQUESTER	TELEPHONE NO. (Include area code)
AGENCY RECORD GROUP	AGENCY CHARGE ACCOUNT	EXT

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
 GENERAL MANAGER  
 CORPORATE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT  
 475 L'ENFANT PLAZA SW, ROOM 1831  
 WASHINGTON DC 20260-4261

Enter complete address to which folder or reply is to be mailed. Include ZIP Code.



## Correspondence Request

Transaction #: ACR1-3211647080  
Date Printed: 7/10/18  
Search Criteria: CPR 004800699 OPF  
Registry Type: CPR

## SEARCH RESULTS

Full Name	DOB	SSN	Sub Type	Record Status	Registry Number	Non-Title5
SPANBERGER ABIGAI	(b) (6)	(b) (6)	OPF	Charged Out	(b) (7)(E)	
SPANBERGER ABIGAI	(b) (6)	(b) (6)	OPF	Folder	(b) (7)(E)	

*FOIA*  
*Sending out*  
*to OSPs*  
*- requester wants*  
*dates of service*  
*and other info*

Created By: DYOUNG

Searched BY:

Searched Date:

Case Level: C4



# CATS: INDIVIDUAL CASE REPORT

PRINT  
REPORT

CASE  
Analysis  
Tracking  
System

Batch #: 18828  
Assigned To: wtopliffe

Request #: 322412  
CaseLevel: C4

Request Rec Date: 7/9/2018  
Date Assigned: 7/12/2018  
Date Completed: 7-13-18  
Refer Case?: ☐  
Technician Initials:

Last Name: spanberger  
First Name: abigail  
SSN (Last 4): (b) (6)  
Date of Birth:

Case Notes: FOIA

Requesting Agency: N/A  
Owner of Record: U.S. Postal Service

AgencyJobCode: 55910300

RecordGroup: 488





# CATS: REQUEST INQUIRY REPORT

[EMAIL REPORT](#)[PRINT REPORT](#)

CASE  
Analysis  
Tracking  
System

LastName	First Name	SSN (Last 4)	DOB	Batch #	Request #	Date Assigned	Date Complete	Case Level	Assigned To	Request Received Date	Request Status	Date Referred	Case Notes	Date Created	Created By	Response Type
spanberger	abigail	(b) (6)		18828	322412	7/12/2018	7/16/2018	C4	wtopliffe	7/9/2018	Complete		FOIA	7/12/2018	kerickson	N/A

Corrected



# CATS: REQUEST INQUIRY REPORT

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Pls  
Correct

7-16-18

## REPLY TO INQUIRY (NCP)

DATE:

7/12/2018

SUBJECT:

SPANBERGER, ABIGAIL

Your Reference

Date of Inquiry:

*The answer to your inquiry is furnished below. This abbreviated form of reply has been adopted as a means of supplying information in a timely manner.*

The Freedom of Information Act does allow certain information to be released without the written consent of the individual. The following information is releasable to the public:

Name  
Past and present positions.  
Past and present salaries (performance awards).  
Past and present grades.  
Past and present agencies and locations.

The United States Postal Service retains custody of all personnel folders of prior employees. Therefore, we are forwarding the OPF, along with all documents of your request, to the following address. There, they will review and handle your request.

United States Postal Service  
General Manager  
Corporate Personnel Management  
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 1831  
Washington DC 20260-4261

AMERICA RISING CORPORATION  
1500 WILSON BLVD 5TH FLR  
ARLINGTON VA 22209

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NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER

☐ Military Personnel Records  
9700 Page Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

☒ Civilian Personnel Records  
1411 BOULDER BLVD.  
VALMEYER, IL 62295

# FOIA REQUEST

ATTACH THIS FORM TO ALL FOIA CASES AND COMPLETE ALL APPROPRIATE PORTIONS AS CASE IS WORKED. WHEN CASE IS COMPLETED, DETACH FOIA FORM AND FORWARD TO BRANCH HEADQUARTERS.

COMPLETE IN MAILROOM

SUBJECT'S NAME:

Spanberger, Abigail

DATE REQUEST ACKNOWLEDGED:

7/12/2018

COMPLETE IN REFERENCE SERVICE BRANCH

COMPLEXITY:

☒ SIMPLE

☐ COMPLEX

DATE RECEIVED:

7/9/2018

SUBJECT OF REQUEST (example: copy of SF-50):

Records reflecting Emp. dates, Annual Salaries, Titles & Position Description

ASSIGNED TO:

(b)(6)

DATE COMPLETED:

7-16-18

DETERMINATION:

☒ GRANT

☐ DENIAL

IF DENIED, EXPLAIN WHY:

→ Signed Authorization or proof of death not provided

→ Requested Service (part) is in OPF

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

NA FORM 13028 (REV. 03-03)

Quality Review Notes:

Reviewed w/ Sondra

→ forward OPF to Postal since we do not know all postal grade/position info

QUALITY REVIEW CONDUCTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE:

7-13-2018

REDACTED COPY REVIEWED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

REDACTED COPY MAILED WAS NOT READABLE \_\_\_\_\_

SA 7-16-18

## FOIA - Details

## The Request

PMRS #: (b)  
Assigned To: (b) (6)  
Processing Org: \* AFN-C  
Complexity: \* Simple  
Date of Request: 7/9/2018  
Subject: Information form the OPF folder on Spanberger, Abigail.  
Comment: OPF is Postal service, forwarding to Postal for them to answer.

## The Requestor

Last Name: Blutstein  
First Name: Allan  
Organization: America Rising  
Street Address: 1500 Wilson Boulevard, 5th Floor  
City: Arlington, VA 22209  
State:   
Country:   
Email:

## Disposition

Referral Start Date:   
Referral End Date:   
Completion Date: 7/16/2018  
Determination: Denial

## Exemptions

B1	B7b
B2	B7c
B3	B7d
B4	B7e
B5	B7f
B6	B8
B7a	B9

Corrected

Save

Cancel

## FOIA - Details

## The Request

PMRS #: (b) (6) Last Changed By: saustin  
Assigned To: (b) (6)  
Processing Org: \* AFN-C Complexity: \* Simple  
Date of Request: 7/9/2018  
Subject: Information form the OPF folder on Spanberger, Abigail.  
Comment: OPF is Postal service, forwarding to Postal for them to answer.

## The Requestor

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Organization: America Rising  
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City: Arlington, VA 22209 State:   
Country:   
Email:

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Referral Start Date:   
Referral End Date:   
Completion Date: 7/13/2018  
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*pls  
Correct  
7-16-18*

## Exemptions

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B2	B7c
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B4	B7e
B5	B7f
B6	B8
B7a	B9

Save

Cancel

National Personnel Records Center, Annex  
Civilian Personnel Records  
1411 Boulder Boulevard  
Valmeyer, IL 62295

August 30, 2018

2018 AUG 30 PM 3:43

Via Fax: 314-801-9269

**Re: Freedom of Information Act Request**

Dear Records Officer,

This is a request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act for access to certain records contained in the official civilian personnel file of former federal employee Abigail Spanberger. Specifically, this request seeks records reflecting Ms. Spanberger's employment dates, annual salaries, title, and position description. To facilitate the agency's search, below is additional information concerning Ms. Spanberger:

<b>Full name:</b>	Abigail Anne Davis Spanberger
<b>Date of birth:</b>	(b) (6)
<b>SSN:</b>	(b) (6)
<b>Agency:</b>	U.S. Postal Inspection Service
<b>Date of Service:</b>	2002-2006 (approx.)

Please search for responsive records regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics. Where possible, please produce records electronically, in PDF or TIF format, via email or CD, particularly if providing the information reduces the time or expense involved. If your office cannot honor this preference, I am willing to discuss the most cost-effective and efficient means of duplication. I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$200. However, please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

If any records are withheld or redacted, I request that you state the specific legal and factual grounds for withholding any documents or portions of documents. Please identify each document that falls within the scope of this request but is withheld from release and provide an index of those documents as required under *Vaughn v. Rosen*, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973), *cert. denied*, 415 U.S. 977 (1972). Please describe each document claimed as exempt including the consequences of supplying the sought-after information. If it is your determination that some portions of requested records are exempt, please disclose any reasonably segregable non-exempt portions of the requested records.

If requested documents are located in another installation or bureau, I respectfully request that you please refer this request or any relevant portion of this request to the appropriate installation or bureau.

To help assess my status for copying and mailing fees, please note that I am gathering information for research purposes and not for commercial activities. The DCCC is organized and operates under section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code as a political organization and as a domestic non-profit corporation by the District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs pursuant to D.C. law. See D.C. Code § 29-402.01 *et seq.* As such, access to records that the DCCC requests never further any commercial, trade or profit interests of the DCCC because the DCCC does not have such interests. Additionally, disclosure of the information sought is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the National Personnel Records Center and will shed light on whether the government is functioning with the public's best interests in mind, and therefore, no charge or only a reduced charge should be imposed. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii).

Thank you for your cooperation with this request. If necessary, I welcome the opportunity to discuss whether and to what extent this request can be narrowed or modified to better enable the National Personnel Records Center to

process it within the FOIA's twenty-day statutory deadline. Please do not hesitate to contact me at my direct line at 202-485-3436 or bradtke-litwack@dccc.org.

Sincerely,

Lena Bradtke-Litwack  
DCCC  
430 S. Capitol St. SE  
Washington, D.C. 20003  
(202) 485-3436; Bradtke-litwack@dccc.org

(MEDIA REQUEST) Fwd: request from CNN regarding personnel record release

**Date :** August 29, 2018, 10:05:02 am EDT

**Size :** 19.5 KB

**From :** Hilary Parkinson <hilary.parkinson@nara.gov>

**To :** Pratt, Kevin <kevin.pratt@nara.gov>, Affairs, Public <public.affairs@nara.gov>

**Env Rcpts :** John Valceanu <john.valceanu@nara.gov>

**ZL Id :** D3JGHL25TXCBEAGB4KEAKSQVI1RLEZ4JA

**Type :** SMTP

**Item Id :** 28015950

**Duplicate Item Ids :** 28015948,28015949,28015951,28015952,28015953,28015954,28015981,28015982

Kevin,

Could you help with this query? If you are able and willing to answer the reporter directly, please cc me, otherwise you can respond to me and I'll answer the reporter.

As always, thank you for your help!

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **'Wallace, Gregory' via Public and Media Communications** <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

Date: Wed, Aug 29, 2018 at 9:54 AM

Subject: request from CNN regarding personnel record release

To: "[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)" <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

Good morning,

I hope you can help us understand NARA's and NPRC's role in a recent records release, and who I can contact for additional information.

A group called America Rising said it submitted a FOIA request on July 12 to NPRC for: "access to certain records contained in the official civilian personnel file of former federal employee Abigail Spanberger. Specifically, this request seeks records reflecting Ms. Spanberger's employment dates, annual salaries, title, and position description."

The group says three days later its request was forwarded to the USPS, the former employer of Ms. Spanberger.

Can you help me understand how the request was received, if NARA/NPRC produced any records in response to the request, and to whom the request was forwarded for further processing?

In addition, does NARA require an individual to authorize the release of their Official Personnel Folders, and did Ms. Spanberger provide this authorization?

Thank you, Greg

Gregory Wallace  
CNN  
202-738-3113

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**Hilary Parkinson**  
Writer-Editor  
Public and Media Communications  
Office of the Chief of Staff



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Washington, DC 20408  
202-357-5325  
Attachments

**From:** Boyd, Krista <Krista.Boyd@mail.house.gov> <Krista.Boyd@mail.house.gov>  
**Sent time:** 08/30/2018 09:44:30 AM  
**To:** John Hamilton (John.Hamilton@nara.gov) <John Hamilton (John.Hamilton@nara.gov) <John.Hamilton@nara.gov>>  
**Subject:** FOIA inquiry

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John,

Any more clarity on the sequence of events on the Spanberger personnel file FOIA? Buzzfeed reported yesterday that the unredacted file was sent to the Postal HR office.

Thanks,  
Krista

Re: (MEDIA REQUEST) Fwd: request from CNN regarding personnel record release

**Date :** August 29, 2018, 10:53:32 am EDT

**Size :** 16.3 KB

**From :** Hilary Parkinson <[hilary.parkinson@nara.gov](mailto:hilary.parkinson@nara.gov)>

**To :** Kevin Pratt <[kevin.pratt@nara.gov](mailto:kevin.pratt@nara.gov)>

**Cc :** Affairs, Public <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

**Env Rcpts :** Oliver Manning (Contractor) <[oliver.manning@nara.gov](mailto:oliver.manning@nara.gov)>, James Pritchett <[james.pritchett@nara.gov](mailto:james.pritchett@nara.gov)>, John Valceanu <[john.valceanu@nara.gov](mailto:john.valceanu@nara.gov)>, Brooke Engerman (Volunteer) <[brooke.engerman@nara.gov](mailto:brooke.engerman@nara.gov)>, Miriam Kleiman <[miriam.kleiman@nara.gov](mailto:miriam.kleiman@nara.gov)>, Laura Sheehan <[laura.diachenko@nara.gov](mailto:laura.diachenko@nara.gov)>

**ZL Id :** BM5LVUHXQETY5VTY4WXATJKT5QJPYV3SB

**Type :** SMTP

**Item Id :** 28015958

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Thank you, Kevin! So, for the future, should I send these kind of press requests directly to Kim if they are civilian records?

On Wed, Aug 29, 2018 at 10:39 AM, Kevin Pratt <[kevin.pratt@nara.gov](mailto:kevin.pratt@nara.gov)> wrote:

Hilary, I sent this on to Kim Gentile, she handles our Civilian Records.

Kevin

Kevin Pratt  
Assistant Director for Military Records  
National Personnel Records Center  
[1 Archives Drive](#)  
[St. Louis, MO 63138](#)-1002  
(314) 801-0582 (Office)  
(314) 801-0605 (Fax)

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202-738-3113

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**ZL Id :** CLBB32IQCEYBGVR0NU2OFZAFP2225Y40A

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**Env Repts :** James Pritchett <[james.pritchett@nara.gov](mailto:james.pritchett@nara.gov)>

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**To:** Slauch, Kate <Slauch, Kate <kate.slauch@nara.gov>>; Morton, Shawn <Morton, Shawn <shawn.morton@nara.gov>>  
**Subject:** Fwd: FOIA Disclosure

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Still getting some calls about our role in dealing with FOIAs for OPFs. See below for what I sent to minority staff with OGR. I plan to go up tomorrow morning to meet with HSGAC at 10 and, hopefully, OGR at 11.

John

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From: **John Hamilton** <[john.hamilton@nara.gov](mailto:john.hamilton@nara.gov)>  
Date: Thu, Aug 30, 2018 at 11:05 AM  
Subject: Re: FOIA Disclosure  
To: "Lam, Kristine" <[Kristine.Lam@mail.house.gov](mailto:Kristine.Lam@mail.house.gov)>  
Cc: "Boyd, Krista" <[krista.boyd@mail.house.gov](mailto:krista.boyd@mail.house.gov)>

Hi Kristine - The NPRC role in handling FOIA requests for USPS OPFs is pretty straight forward. When a request is received, the requester is notified that the NPRC does not process requests for information contained in USPS OPFs and that the file will be sent to the USPS to handle. NARA/NPRC does not have legal custody for any Federal Civilian OPFs after 1951, but in most cases we store the files for OPM or the agency (<https://www.archives.gov/personnel-records-center/civilian-non-archival>). NPRC does process some basic FOIA requests for non-archival military personnel and OPM records; however, we do not do this for USPS as our arrangement with the USPS is to ship requested OPFs to them for review and processing. More about FOIA and NPRC is here: <https://www.archives.gov/personnel-records-center/foia-info>

I am copying Krista Boyd on this note since I spoke with her earlier this morning. I also told her that I can come by to meet tomorrow morning at 11 am to discuss further. Does that work for you?

Best,  
John

On Thu, Aug 30, 2018 at 10:09 AM, Lam, Kristine <[Kristine.Lam@mail.house.gov](mailto:Kristine.Lam@mail.house.gov)> wrote:

Hi John,

Hope this e-mail finds you well.

Rep. Connolly is very concerned about the unauthorized release of Abigail Spanberger's SF-86 which, according to press reports, occurred after a FOIA request to NPRC. He and Ranking Member Cummings have requested the Postal OIG review what happened at the Postal Service. He also wants to know how NPRC and the Archives handled the FOIA request and what happened on the Archives' end. Would you be able to do a call this afternoon or tomorrow to go over this?

Thanks,

Kristine

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**Size :** 16.1 KB

**From :** Kimberly Gentile <kimberly.gentile@nara.gov>

**To :** Kevin Pratt <kevin.pratt@nara.gov>, Austin, Sondra <sondra.austin@nara.gov>

**ZL Id :** JCXBT4XWX2F5JNMQSVK2BMRUGWO32KHIA

**Type :** SMTP

**Item Id :** 28015968

Yes, We'll respond.

Sondra, see me when you get a chance.

Thanks.

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**Size :** 25.3 KB

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**To :** Kimberly Gentile <kimberly.gentile@nara.gov>

**Cc :** Austin, Sondra <sondra.austin@nara.gov>

**ZL Id :** CFQJZR1F3IHGHEIEPJ5XUKOZD3GAJ4RRB

**Type :** SMTP

**Item Id :** 28015977

Hi,

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Stand by...

Hannah

On Wed, Aug 29, 2018 at 1:32 PM Kimberly Gentile <[kimberly.gentile@nara.gov](mailto:kimberly.gentile@nara.gov)> wrote:

Hannah, we received this email and Sondra contacted the CNN reporter and let him know the request was forwarded to USPS to work as is our procedure.

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fyi, Kim contacted my office to say that she got a request from CNN for CPR's letter to America Rising about this (letter attached).

Is there any reason not to just provide it, or should we treat it as an operational FOIA request?

Thanks,  
Gary

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On Wed, Aug 29, 2018 at 1:20 PM Jay Trainer <[jay.trainer@nara.gov](mailto:jay.trainer@nara.gov)> wrote:

I caught up with John while he was still at A2 and he felt he would be able to explain it to the Senate staffer that made the inquiry. I'm copying Gary and Jay B. since they too were concerned about the article. Thanks.

On Wed, Aug 29, 2018 at 1:05 PM, Scott Levins <[scott.levins@nara.gov](mailto:scott.levins@nara.gov)> wrote:

FYI - (b) (5) [REDACTED] We had a telecon with John this morning. We work FOIAs on behalf of

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Re: Can you call me re releasing a request response letter

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**Size :** 47.7 KB

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Hi,

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Hannah

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Thank you.

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**To :** Gentile, Kimberly <kimberly.gentile@nara.gov>, Affairs, Public <public.affairs@nara.gov>

**Env Rcpts :** John Valceanu <john.valceanu@nara.gov>

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**To :** Hamilton, John <john.hamilton@nara.gov>, Levins, Scott <scott.levins@nara.gov>

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**To :** Gentile, Kimberly <[kimberly.gentile@nara.gov](mailto:kimberly.gentile@nara.gov)>

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John,

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The attachments are for you information to illustrate what happened. Please do not release them unless you get NGC (Hannah Bergman) involved.

Thanks.

Scott

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**From:** Boyd, Krista <Krista.Boyd@mail.house.gov> <Krista.Boyd@mail.house.gov>  
**Sent time:** 08/31/2018 11:09:08 AM  
**To:** Lam, Kristine <Lam, Kristine <Kristine.Lam@mail.house.gov>>; John Hamilton <John Hamilton <john.hamilton@nara.gov>>  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Disclosure

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I'm tied up from 12 – 12:45 but can just follow up with you this afternoon.

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**From:** Lam, Kristine  
**Sent:** Friday, August 31, 2018 10:50 AM  
**To:** John Hamilton <john.hamilton@nara.gov>  
**Cc:** Boyd, Krista <Krista.Boyd@mail.house.gov>  
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Did we answer this?

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Got it. Thanks for the info, Scott.

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On Thu, Aug 30, 2018 at 2:31 PM, Scott Levins <[scott.levins@nara.gov](mailto:scott.levins@nara.gov)> wrote:

In light of yesterday's media attention surrounding the USPS handling of the FOIA request pertaining to Ms. Spanberger, I want to make you aware of a different FOIA request (from CNN) regarding a number of other government (or ex-government) officials, many of whom worked in the White House. The request is attached. Following the request is a table which indicates how our staff will respond to each request. For requests in which we do not have a record, we will issue a negative response to the requester. For requests in which we have a record, and the record indicates that it was retired by the Executive Office of the President, we will refer the request with the records to the Executive Office of the President. However, given the media attention over the Spanberger request, before we send any records, we will reach out to the Executive Office of the President in advance to to reaffirm our longstanding process, and make sure they are aware of the request and in agreement with how we are handling it.

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As we discussed, NPRC refers FOIA requests pertaining to USPS records to the USPS for servicing. So in this instance, we received a FOIA request from America Rising (page one of the attached), responded with the NA Form 13018 (page two of the attached), and then pulled the original record and forwarded it to the USPS along with a copy of the FOIA request from America Rising.

The attachments are for you information to illustrate what happened. Please do not release them unless you get NGC (Hannah Bergman) involved.

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Scott

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Just as an FYI, USPS contacted us last night that they will be giving us a new address to send referrals such as the one for Ms. Spanberger. For USPS offices using folders for actual HR work (comes in on SF127 or SF184s) we will send to the office they identify on the form.

We have pulled any USPS bound mail that was in the mailroom and in Correspondence to verify the addresses. We have communicated to the Correspondence staff to hold any responses until we get a new address. We also gave the mailroom a head's up to watch for the old address (L'Enfant Plaza) and bring it to us just in case.

Thanks for your help on this John.

On Fri, Aug 31, 2018 at 8:27 AM, John Hamilton <[john.hamilton@nara.gov](mailto:john.hamilton@nara.gov)> wrote:

Thanks! For some reason, I thought that CIA keeps OPFs for former employees in-house. It does not appear from the reporting that any records relating to her time with CIA were released, just the fact that she taught at a CIA affiliated school prior to her USPS employment, which I assume is info obtained from the SF-86 that was erroneously released.

John

On Fri, Aug 31, 2018 at 9:06 AM, Kimberly Gentile <[kimberly.gentile@nara.gov](mailto:kimberly.gentile@nara.gov)> wrote:

John, USPS told us about the other request identified. I queried our database multiple ways (last 4 ssn, dob only, name, first name) to try and find it and could not. Sondra checked CMRS just to make sure it wasn't in the military side and wasn't able to find one that might be there if they sent it to the wrong place.

I can't confirm what could be in her folder from CIA service. Sorry, can't give you more definitive there. We do not do any checks of what is in the folder when it is sent to us.

On Fri, Aug 31, 2018 at 7:55 AM, John Hamilton <[john.hamilton@nara.gov](mailto:john.hamilton@nara.gov)> wrote:

Scott, Kim, Sondra - Thanks again for the helpful info. Later this morning, I'll be visiting with House and Senate Oversight Committees and I feel very prepared.

I have a few additional questions based on an article in this morning's Washington

Post: [https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/virginia-politics/ex-cia-officers-full-personnel-file-released-in-human-error-postal-service-admits/2018/08/30/c13af592-ac7b-11e8-8a0c-70b618c98d3c\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.418fa5aa8050](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/virginia-politics/ex-cia-officers-full-personnel-file-released-in-human-error-postal-service-admits/2018/08/30/c13af592-ac7b-11e8-8a0c-70b618c98d3c_story.html?utm_term=.418fa5aa8050).

In the article, Ms. Spanberger claims that a firm she hired to gather her own background information made a request last December for her federal employment records and is still waiting. Not knowing the name of the firm that supposedly made this request, would we have any information that such a request was made of NPRC? As you will see in the article, those who are suspicious over the release of her full file think it is odd that the FOIA was responded to so quickly.

The article also notes that she worked for the CIA. Would her OPF that was sent to the USPS contain information about her employment with the CIA?

Thanks,  
John

On Thu, Aug 30, 2018 at 5:22 PM, Scott Levins <[scott.levins@nara.gov](mailto:scott.levins@nara.gov)> wrote:

John,

Here is some info that I hope will help you with your visit to the Hill tomorrow.

The National Personnel Records Center is comprised of two different divisions; military personnel records and civilian personnel records. The Civilian Personnel Records (CPR) facility stores over 2 million cubic feet of civilian personnel and related records. It responds to ~ 45,000 correspondence requests each year, many of which involve textual records in its holdings and others which involve accessing electronic systems of the Office of Personnel Management and the United States Postal Service. Most of the records are from former federal civilian employees and other federal agencies.

Of the 45,000 requests it services each year, less than 1% are FOIA requests. FY 18 YTD it has serviced only 263 FOIA requests. Sometimes a request includes multiple subjects. For example, one person might submit a single FOIA request for records pertaining to multiple individuals. In counting its FOIA requests, CPR tallies each subject as a different request. So the YTD figure of 263 represents the number of different subjects of FOIA requests. The actual number of requests may be a little lower.

Also, the 263 FOIA requests include every request in which the requester cites FOIA. Sometimes people cite FOIA unnecessarily. For example, someone may be requesting their own record and although it is releasable to them, they cite FOIA anyhow. The figure of 263 FOIA requests serviced YTD includes every instance in which someone cited FOIA. So some reference transactions may be tallied as a FOIA, but our response may have been to send the record instead of refer it because FOIA was cited unnecessarily and the records were releasable to the requester.

Of the 263 FOIA requests serviced year-to-date, only 21 pertained to USPS records. Again, these 21 may have included instances where the request did not come from a third party and an individual unnecessarily cited FOIA. In these instances, it was tallied as a FOIA nonetheless.

Most of the reference services provided by CPR involve records that are owned by OPM. CPR staff service FOIA requests on behalf of OPM by extracting releasable information from the records and preparing a releasable transcript.

Some non-OPM agencies have special processes in place for responding to requests for records they own. These agencies include:

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Agency for International Development (AID)  
Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Services (ASCS)  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS)  
Arms Control Disarmament Agency (ACDA)  
District of Columbia Government  
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)  
Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS)  
Foreign Nationals  
General Accounting Office (GAO)  
National Security Agency (NSA)  
Non-Appropriated Fund (NAF)  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)  
Peace Corps  
State Department  
Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)  
United States Information Agency (USIA)  
United States Postal Service (USPS)  
VA Title 38 Employees  
White House Office

The longstanding process in place for responding to USPS FOIA requests is for CPR staff to refer the original record along with a copy of the FOIA request to the USPS for servicing. The specific address to which we send these materials is:

U.S. Postal Service  
General Manager  
Corporate Personnel Management  
[475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Room 1831](#)  
Washington, DC 20260-4261

This is the address that we have in our directive on Restrictions and Release Policies for Official Personnel Folders (last updated in 2007). This is address to which we have sent USPS referrals for many years. This is the address to which we sent the referral involving Ms. Spanberger.

Late this afternoon, in response to the FOIA request involving Spanberger, the USPS reached out to Kim Gentile to indicate that it would like to change the address on a point-forward basis to avoid a re-occurrence. We will of course work with them to effect that change.

In terms of agreements, we have two different agreements with the USPS. One is a national-level agreement (attached - unsigned, draft agreement for FY 19.) meaning it is managed at our headquarters level. It includes high-level descriptions of services we provide for USPS (storage, accessioning, disposal, reference, refiles, and interfiles). It also includes information about rates and billing. The service level descriptions are at a high level; it does not include references to specific types of reference, like how to route FOIA requests.

The second agreement we have with USPS is a local agreement to provide order fulfillment services to support the USPS with responding to requests for hard copies of eOPFs. The requests come from the USPS itself (usually on behalf of current USPS employees) or by other agencies. We download, print, and mail documents on behalf of the USPS. The FOIA involving Spanberger did not involve an eOPF; it was an original textual record retrieved from CPR holdings and shipped to the USPS.

If you have any additional questions or need anything else, don't hesitate to call.

I hope this information is helpful. Good luck tomorrow.

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Only in our physical custody. OPM or agency owns. Most files will never be requested - but are kept for 115 years just in case - so I think it is a cost benefit thing to digitize a file that is not permanent.

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Hi Jennifer - I am offsite today and tomorrow, but happy to call you later today to discuss the buzzfeed story (and thank you for sharing, since I had not heard of the story until you did). Is there a good time after 1:30 when I could give you a call?

Also, I was planning on heading to the Hill this Friday morning to check in with a few offices and I know we are overdue to chat. Might you be around Friday at 10 am?

Thanks,  
John

On Wed, Aug 29, 2018 at 10:44 AM, Selde, Jennifer (HSGAC) <[Jennifer\\_Selde@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Jennifer_Selde@hsgac.senate.gov)> wrote:

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Thank you,

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Hi Kim - I had a good call with the Congressional Committee staff regarding the USPS OPF FOIA matter. I explained to them that while we handle routine FOIA requests for OPM OPFs, our role with the USPS is to simply ship the OPF to them for FOIA review and processing. The staff would like to know if other agencies have this arrangement with us? They also were curious about how many FOIA requests for OPFs we receive? And how many we process? And how many we send back to an agency, and specifically to USPS, to process? I am working from home this afternoon and tomorrow if you want to discuss. My cell is 202-997-3149.

Thanks,  
John

On Wed, Aug 29, 2018 at 12:19 PM, Kimberly Gentile <[kimberly.gentile@nara.gov](mailto:kimberly.gentile@nara.gov)> wrote:

For our telecon---

Page 1 America Rising request

Page 2 Reply to Inquiry indicating that we were referring to USPS

Page 3 The SF127 used to refer the request to USPS

On Wed, Aug 29, 2018 at 10:30 AM, John Hamilton <[john.hamilton@nara.gov](mailto:john.hamilton@nara.gov)> wrote:

Hoping to discuss this matter with one of you today. See link to article.

Thanks!  
John

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John,

Our staff meeting was just cancelled. Will 10 AM still work for you for a meeting on Friday?

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John, I will call you in 10 minutes.

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Yes, please call my direct 202-228-3884. And we can meet you in the committee front office (SD341) on Friday.

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I'm on a training call that should be on lunch approximately 11am CT/noon ET if that is soon enough to talk. I've cc'd Sondra Austin who responded to a question from CNN on why we would refer a USPS FOIA to USPS. She just indicated that is our procedure--USPS does their own. We did not know about this article.

Do you want to give me a number to call and I can loop Scott in on the call with us at that time.

If you need us to call at a different time, let me know.

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Hoping to discuss this matter with one of you today. See link to article.

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John

Sent from my iPhone

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Thank you John. Can you do tomorrow at 11 AM?

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I am flexible on Friday between 9:30 am and 2:30 pm.

John

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John

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Got it. Talk to you tomorrow.

John

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Not a problem. Here is the information for our conference call line. I look forward to speaking with you again tomorrow.

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It would be great if you could set up the call number. We just switched to using Google hangouts for conferencing and I am still trying to figure it out.

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John

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS)

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John,

Have you spoken with OGR about this yet? I think Senator McCaskill's staff wants to have a phone call this week on this issue since speaking with USPS if that would be alright. We can include OGR if they have not already spoken with NARA.

Jennifer

**From:** John Hamilton <[john.hamilton@nara.gov](mailto:john.hamilton@nara.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 29, 2018 1:14 PM  
**To:** Selde, Jennifer (HSGAC) <[Jennifer\\_Selde@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Jennifer_Selde@hsgac.senate.gov)>  
**Cc:** Spino, Daniel (HSGAC) <[Daniel\\_Spino@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Daniel_Spino@hsgac.senate.gov)>; Bailey, Katie (HSGAC) <[Katie\\_Bailey@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Katie_Bailey@hsgac.senate.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: USPS SF-86 FOIA release

I can call today at 4. Should I call 228-3884? And, Friday at 10:30 am works for me. Just tell me where to meet.

Thanks,

John

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John, does 4 PM today work for a call?

We have a staff meeting at 10 on Friday, would it be possible to meet earlier or at 10:30?

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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 29, 2018 12:43 PM

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Hi Jennifer - I am offsite today and tomorrow, but happy to call you later today to discuss the buzzfeed story (and thank you for sharing, since I had not heard of the story until you did). Is there a good time after 1:30 when I could give you a call?

Also, I was planning on heading to the Hill this Friday morning to check in with a few offices and I know we are overdue to chat. Might you be around Friday at 10 am?

Thanks,

John

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**Subject:** Storage of OPFs

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Mark, Krista - Since you asked, here is what I colleague told me about the storage of OPF records with NARA and at the OPM site in Boyers PA:

NPRC (CPR) stores the paper OPFs for Federal employees who have separated from service (resignation/retirement/termination/etc.). OPM's Retirement Operations Center, commonly referred to as Boyers because of its location in Boyers, PA, handles and stores OPM's retirement records. These are two separate records, the OPF is the record that follows an employee throughout his/her career; the retirement folder deals with the employee's retirement benefits at the end of their career. In addition to OPM (Title 5) retirements, I believe Boyers also handles retirements for other personnel system such as USPS. This is a very general explanation of Boyers and their function within OPM.

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**To:** Trainer, Jay <Trainer, Jay <[jay.trainer@nara.gov](mailto:jay.trainer@nara.gov)>>  
**Subject:** Fwd: USPS SF-86 FOIA release

Could I come up to your office to take a call from Kim? Or, if you need to get lunch, you could come down to the press office. I need to get on the road at 1230.

Thanks,  
John

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**From:** Kimberly Gentile <[kimberly.gentile@nara.gov](mailto:kimberly.gentile@nara.gov)>  
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I'm on a training call that should be on lunch approximately 11am CT/noon ET if that is soon enough to talk. I've cc'd Sondra Austin who responded to a question from CNN on why we would refer a USPS FOIA to USPS. She just indicated that is our procedure--USPS does their own. We did not know about this article.

Do you want to give me a number to call and I can loop Scott in on the call with us at that time.

If you need us to call at a different time, let me know.

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Hoping to discuss this matter with one of you today. See link to article.

Thanks!  
John

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**To:** Hamilton, John <Hamilton, John <john.hamilton@nara.gov>>  
**Cc:** Gentile, Kimberly <Gentile, Kimberly <kimberly.gentile@nara.gov>>; Austin, Sondra <Austin, Sondra <sondra.austin@nara.gov>>  
**Subject:** prep for visit to Hill tomorrow regarding CPR reference practices  
**Attachments:** FY19 Terms and Conditions Title 5 DRAFT 1.pdf USPS-NARA NPRC FY17 IAA AF177010\_NARA LOCAL AGREEMENT\_FULLY EXECUTED\_2016\_SEPT 30 .pdf

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John,

Here is some info that I hope will help you with your visit to the Hill tomorrow.

The National Personnel Records Center is comprised of two different divisions; military personnel records and civilian personnel records. The Civilian Personnel Records (CPR) facility stores over 2 million cubic feet of civilian personnel and related records. It responds to ~ 45,000 correspondence requests each year, many of which involve textual records in its holdings and others which involve accessing electronic systems of the Office of Personnel Management and the United States Postal Service. Most of the requests that it services come from former federal civilian employees and other federal agencies.

Of the 45,000 requests it services each year, less than 1% are FOIA requests. FY 18 YTD it has serviced only 263 FOIA requests. Sometimes a request includes multiple subjects. For example, one person might submit a single FOIA request for records pertaining to multiple individuals. In counting its FOIA requests, CPR tallies each subject as a different request. So the YTD figure of 263 represents the number of different subjects of FOIA requests. The actual number of requests may be a little lower.

Also, the 263 FOIA requests include every request in which the requester cites FOIA. Sometimes people cite FOIA unnecessarily. For example, someone may be requesting their own record and although it is releasable to them, they cite FOIA anyhow. The figure of 263 FOIA requests serviced YTD includes every instance in which someone cited FOIA. So some reference transactions may be tallied as a FOIA, but our response may have been to send the record instead of refer it because FOIA was cited unnecessarily and the records were releasable to the requester.

Of the 263 FOIA requests serviced year-to-date, only 21 pertained to USPS records. Again, these 21 may have included instances where the request did not come from a third party and an individual unnecessarily cited FOIA. In these instances, it was tallied as a FOIA nonetheless.

Most of the reference services provided by CPR involve records that are owned by OPM. CPR staff service FOIA requests on behalf of OPM by extracting releasable information from the records and preparing a releasable transcript.

Some non-OPM agencies have special processes in place for responding to requests for records they own. These agencies include:

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Agency for International Development (AID)  
Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Services (ASCS)  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS)  
Arms Control Disarmament Agency (ACDA)  
District of Columbia Government  
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)  
Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS)  
Foreign Nationals  
General Accounting Office (GAO)  
National Security Agency (NSA)  
Non-Appropriated Fund (NAF)  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)  
Peace Corps  
State Department  
Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)  
United States Information Agency (USIA)  
United States Postal Service (USPS)  
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White House Office

The longstanding process in place for responding to USPS FOIA requests is for CPR staff to refer the original record along with a copy of the FOIA request to the USPS for servicing. The specific address to which we send these materials is:

U.S.Postal Service  
General Manager  
Corporate Personnel Management  
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Room 1831  
Washington, DC 20260-4261

This is the address that we have in our directive on Restrictions and Release Policies for Official Personnel Folders (last updated in 2007). This is the address to which we have sent USPS referrals for many years. This is the address to which we sent the original documents to the requester.

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Late this afternoon, in response to the FOIA request involving Spanberger, the USPS reached out to Kim Gentile to indicate that it would like to change the address on a point-forward basis to avoid a re-occurrence. We will of course work with them to effect that change.

In terms of agreements, we have two different agreements with the USPS. One is a national-level agreement (attached - unsigned, draft agreement for FY 19.) meaning it is managed at our headquarters level. It includes high-level descriptions of services we provide for USPS (storage, accessioning, disposal, reference, refiles, and interfiles). It also includes information about rates and billing. The service level descriptions are at a high level; it does not include references to specific types of reference, like how to route FOIA requests.

The second agreement we have with USPS is a local agreement to provide order fulfillment services to support the USPS with responding to requests for hard copies of eOPFs. The requests come from the USPS itself (usually on behalf of current USPS employees) or by other agencies. We download, print, and mail documents on behalf of the USPS. The FOIA involving Spanberger did not involve an eOPF; it was an original textual record retrieved from CPR holdings and shipped to the USPS.

If you have any additional questions or need anything else, don't hesitate to call.

I hope this information is helpful. Good luck tomorrow.



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DATE:

7/12/2018

SUBJECT:

SPANBERGER, ABIGAIL

Your Reference

Date of Inquiry:

*The answer to your inquiry is furnished below. This abbreviated form of reply has been adopted as a means of supplying information in a timely manner.*

The Freedom of Information Act does allow certain information to be released without the written consent of the individual. The following information is releasable to the public:

Name  
Past and present positions.  
Past and present salaries (performance awards).  
Past and present grades.  
Past and present agencies and locations.

The United States Postal Service retains custody of all personnel folders of prior employees. Therefore, we are forwarding the OPF, along with all documents of your request, to the following address. There, they will review and handle your request.

United States Postal Service  
General Manager  
Corporate Personnel Management  
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 1831  
Washington DC 20260-4261

AMERICA RISING CORPORATION  
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ARLINGTON VA 22209

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**From :** Scott Levins <[scott.levins@nara.gov](mailto:scott.levins@nara.gov)>

**To :** Trainer, Jay <[jay.trainer@nara.gov](mailto:jay.trainer@nara.gov)>, Weinberg, David <[david.weinberg@nara.gov](mailto:david.weinberg@nara.gov)>

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FYI - I know Jay was around, but I'm pretty sure NCP pre-dates David's employment with NARA.

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From: **Scott Levins** <[scott.levins@nara.gov](mailto:scott.levins@nara.gov)>

Date: Wed, Aug 29, 2018 at 4:48 PM

Subject: Fwd: Spanberger FOIA request

To: "Gentile, Kimberly" <[kimberly.gentile@nara.gov](mailto:kimberly.gentile@nara.gov)>

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From: **Scott Levins** <[scott.levins@nara.gov](mailto:scott.levins@nara.gov)>

Date: Wed, Aug 29, 2018 at 4:43 PM

Subject: Spanberger FOIA request

To: John Valceanu <[john.valceanu@nara.gov](mailto:john.valceanu@nara.gov)>

John,

As we discussed, NPRC refers FOIA requests pertaining to USPS records to the USPS for servicing. So in this instance, we received a FOIA request from America Rising (page one of the attached), responded with the NA Form 13018 (page two of the attached), and then pulled the original record and forwarded it to the USPS along with a copy of the FOIA request from America Rising.

The attachments are for you information to illustrate what happened. Please do not release them unless you get NGC (Hannah Bergman) involved.

Thanks.

Scott

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Re: (MEDIA REQUEST) Fwd: request from CNN regarding personnel record release

**Date :** August 29, 2018, 5:54:52 pm EDT

**Size :** 16 KB

**From :** Scott Levins <[scott.levins@nara.gov](mailto:scott.levins@nara.gov)>

**To :** John Valceanu <[john.valceanu@nara.gov](mailto:john.valceanu@nara.gov)>

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Thanks John.

Perhaps we responded with a phone call to try to answer their questions. To get a copy of the actual request and response, I think they will have to submit a FOIA request for operational records. I'll verify in the morning when Kim Gentile is back in the office.

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Our office also got a query in writing. Please see below.

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Subject: (MEDIA REQUEST) Fwd: request from CNN regarding personnel record release

To: "Pratt, Kevin" <[kevin.pratt@nara.gov](mailto:kevin.pratt@nara.gov)>, "Affairs, Public" <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

Kevin,

Could you help with this query? If you are able and willing to answer the reporter directly, please cc me, otherwise you can respond to me and I'll answer the reporter.

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Date: Wed, Aug 29, 2018 at 9:54 AM

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To: "[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)" <[public.affairs@nara.gov](mailto:public.affairs@nara.gov)>

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Thank you, Greg

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Re: (MEDIA REQUEST) Fwd: request from CNN regarding personnel record release

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**To :** Scott Levins <[scott.levins@nara.gov](mailto:scott.levins@nara.gov)>

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Sounds good. Thanks.

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ALERT: Release of Former CIA Officer's SF86 File

**Date :** August 29, 2018, 6:43:43 pm EDT

**Size :** 8.9 KB

**From :** John Valceanu <john.valceanu@nara.gov>

**To :** David Ferriero <david.ferriero@nara.gov>, Debra Wall <debra.wall@nara.gov>,  
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Jay Trainer <jay.trainer@nara.gov>, David Weinberg <david.weinberg@nara.gov>

**Cc :** Scott Levins <scott.levins@nara.gov>, James Pritchett <james.pritchett@nara.gov>

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All Concerned,

Most of you are likely aware of this issue, as it's been brewing in the news all day, but I wanted to share it with you so nobody would be surprised to see us or the NPRC mentioned by major media outlets.

I spoke with Scott Levins this afternoon, and he briefed me on the situation.

Here's what happened: In response to a FOIA request in early July, we provided civilian personnel records of Abigail Spanberger, a former CIA officer who is now running for Congress in Virginia, to the U.S. Postal Service, one of her former employers.

The NPRC followed normal procedures for this type of request. Unfortunately, the USPS apparently subsequently released her file, including her SF86 security background questionnaire, without redactions to the political group that made the FOIA request.

Here are some links to news reports:

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/virginia-politics/ex-cia-officer-running-for-congress-says-gop-obtained-her-unredacted-personnel-file-with-sensitive-information/2018/08/29/453b4878-ab97-11e8-a8d7-0f63ab8b1370\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/virginia-politics/ex-cia-officer-running-for-congress-says-gop-obtained-her-unredacted-personnel-file-with-sensitive-information/2018/08/29/453b4878-ab97-11e8-a8d7-0f63ab8b1370_story.html)

<http://theweek.com/speedreads/793000/postal-service-handed-gop-opposition-researchers-excia-officers-private-federal-security-application>

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/politics/ct-abigail-spanberger-cia-gop-20180829-story.html>

I anticipate we'll have more queries tomorrow, and we will coordinate a response in the morning that describes our procedures for cases like these.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,  
Valchy

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**From:** John Hamilton <[john.hamilton@nara.gov](mailto:john.hamilton@nara.gov)> <[john.hamilton@nara.gov](mailto:john.hamilton@nara.gov)>  
**Sent time:** 09/06/2018 02:53:54 PM  
**To:** Selde, Jennifer (HSGAC) <Selde, Jennifer (HSGAC) <[Jennifer\\_Selde@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Jennifer_Selde@hsgac.senate.gov)>>  
**Subject:** Re: USPS SF-86 FOIA release

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Sure. By phone or in person? Either way is fine with me. Who will be included in the meeting?

Thanks,  
John

On Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 2:47 PM, Selde, Jennifer (HSGAC) <[Jennifer\\_Selde@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Jennifer_Selde@hsgac.senate.gov)> wrote:

Thank you John. Can you do tomorrow at 11 AM?

**From:** John Hamilton <[john.hamilton@nara.gov](mailto:john.hamilton@nara.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 5, 2018 3:23 PM  
**To:** Selde, Jennifer (HSGAC) <[Jennifer\\_Selde@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Jennifer_Selde@hsgac.senate.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: USPS SF-86 FOIA release

I am flexible on Friday between 9:30 am and 2:30 pm.

John

On Wed, Sep 5, 2018 at 3:17 PM, Selde, Jennifer (HSGAC) <[Jennifer\\_Selde@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Jennifer_Selde@hsgac.senate.gov)> wrote:

Thank you John. Is there a particular date or time that works best for you that I can coordinate with HSGAC and HOCR folks?  
I think Friday may work best for us.

**From:** John Hamilton <[john.hamilton@nara.gov](mailto:john.hamilton@nara.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 5, 2018 2:44 PM  
**To:** Selde, Jennifer (HSGAC) <[Jennifer\\_Selde@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Jennifer_Selde@hsgac.senate.gov)>  
**Cc:** Spino, Daniel (HSGAC) <[Daniel\\_Spino@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Daniel_Spino@hsgac.senate.gov)>; Bailey, Katie (HSGAC) <[Katie\\_Bailey@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Katie_Bailey@hsgac.senate.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: USPS SF-86 FOIA release

Hi Jennifer - I have only talked with Krista Boyd of the OGR minority and Kristine Lam with Rep. Connolly's office. I am not sure what more I can add to the discussion, but I am happy to be on a call or come to a meeting if it helps. Following up on our meeting from last week, below is a list of the other agencies that have the NPRC send them their OPF files to review for FOIA. And attached is the FOIA request from America Rising that was received at the NPRC on July 9 and the NPRC response of July 12 letting them know that the file was being sent to the USPS for review.

John

Agency for International Development (AID)

Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Services (ASCS)

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS)

Arms Control Disarmament Agency (ACDA)  
District of Columbia Government  
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)  
Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS)  
General Accounting Office (GAO)  
National Security Agency (NSA)  
Non-Appropriated Fund (NAF)  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)  
Peace Corps  
State Department  
Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)  
United States Information Agency (USIA)  
United States Postal Service (USPS)  
VA Title 38 Employees  
White House

On Wed, Sep 5, 2018 at 11:17 AM, Selde, Jennifer (HSGAC) <[Jennifer\\_Selde@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Jennifer_Selde@hsgac.senate.gov)> wrote:

John,

Have you spoken with OGR about this yet? I think Senator McCaskill's staff wants to have a phone call this week on this issue since speaking with USPS if that would be alright. We can include OGR if they have not already spoken with NARA.

Jennifer

**From:** John Hamilton <[john.hamilton@nara.gov](mailto:john.hamilton@nara.gov)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 29, 2018 1:14 PM

**To:** Selde, Jennifer (HSGAC) <[Jennifer\\_Selde@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Jennifer_Selde@hsgac.senate.gov)>

**Cc:** Spino, Daniel (HSGAC) <[Daniel\\_Spino@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Daniel_Spino@hsgac.senate.gov)>; Bailey, Katie (HSGAC) <[Katie\\_Bailey@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Katie_Bailey@hsgac.senate.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: USPS SF-86 FOIA release

I can call today at 4. Should I call 228-3884? And, Friday at 10:30 am works for me. Just tell me where to meet.

Thanks,

John

On Wed, Aug 29, 2018 at 12:58 PM, Selde, Jennifer (HSGAC) <[Jennifer\\_Selde@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Jennifer_Selde@hsgac.senate.gov)> wrote:

John, does 4 PM today work for a call?

We have a staff meeting at 10 on Friday, would it be possible to meet earlier or at 10:30?

**From:** John Hamilton <[john.hamilton@nara.gov](mailto:john.hamilton@nara.gov)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 29, 2018 12:43 PM

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**Subject:** Re: USPS SF-86 FOIA release

Hi Jennifer - I am offsite today and tomorrow, but happy to call you later today to discuss the buzzfeed story (and thank you for sharing, since I had not heard of the story until you did). Is there a good time after 1:30 when I could give you a call?

Also, I was planning on heading to the Hill this Friday morning to check in with a few offices and I know we are overdue to chat. Might you be around Friday at 10 am?

Thanks,

John

On Wed, Aug 29, 2018 at 10:44 AM, Selde, Jennifer (HSGAC) <[Jennifer\\_Selde@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:Jennifer_Selde@hsgac.senate.gov)> wrote:

John,

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Thank you,

Jennifer Selde

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**From:** Jay Trainer <jay.trainer@nara.gov> <jay.trainer@nara.gov>  
**Sent time:** 08/29/2018 12:26:27 PM  
**To:** John Hamilton <John Hamilton <john.hamilton@nara.gov>>  
**Subject:** Re: USPS SF-86 FOIA release

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Sorry, I just got back to the office from meeting with Deb. Do you want me to come down or patch you in with Kim?

On Wed, Aug 29, 2018 at 12:06 PM, John Hamilton <[john.hamilton@nara.gov](mailto:john.hamilton@nara.gov)> wrote:

Could I come up to your office to take a call from Kim? Or, if you need to get lunch, you could come down to the press office. I need to get on the road at 1230.

Thanks,  
John

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**From:** Kimberly Gentile <[kimberly.gentile@nara.gov](mailto:kimberly.gentile@nara.gov)>  
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I'm on a training call that should be on lunch approximately 11am CT/noon ET if that is soon enough to talk. I've cc'd Sondra Austin who responded to a question from CNN on why we would refer a USPS FOIA to USPS. She just indicated that is our procedure--USPS does their own. We did not know about this article.

Do you want to give me a number to call and I can loop Scott in on the call with us at that time.

If you need us to call at a different time, let me know.

On Wed, Aug 29, 2018 at 10:30 AM, John Hamilton <[john.hamilton@nara.gov](mailto:john.hamilton@nara.gov)> wrote:

Hoping to discuss this matter with one of you today. See link to article.

Thanks!  
John

Sent from my iPhone

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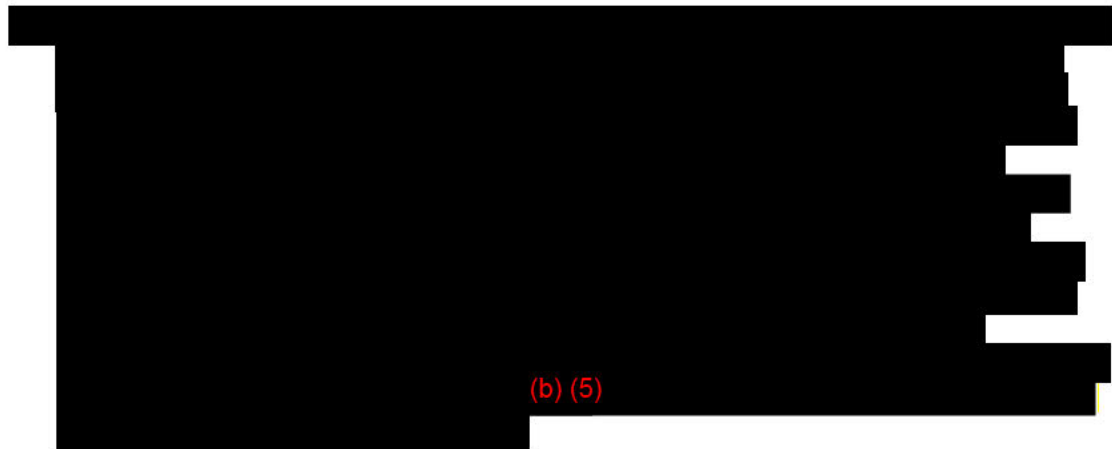
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<b>NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT (When NARA is providing goods/services)</b>		1. PERIOD OF AGREEMENT		Effective Date	Completion Date
		Performance Period		10/01/2016	9/30/2017
		Budget Period		10/01/2016	9/30/2017
		1. AGREEMENT NO. / MODIFICATION AF177010 NARA Local Agreement			
3. NAME AND ADDRESS OF NARA ORGANIZATION		4. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CLIENT AGENCY			
National Personnel Records Center Attn: Jennifer Moll, NARA NPRC Account Manager 1 Archives Drive, Room 360 St. Louis, MO 63138 E-Mail Address: <a href="mailto:jennifer.moll@nara.gov">jennifer.moll@nara.gov</a> Phone: 314.801.0699 Fax: 314.801.0605		United States Postal Service Attn: Mary J. Kramer, USPS Privacy & Records Specialist 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Room 1P830 Washington, DC 20260 E-Mail Address: <a href="mailto:mary.j.kramer@usps.gov">mary.j.kramer@usps.gov</a> Phone: 202.268.4137 Cell: 202.431.3975			
5. NARA PROGRAM MANAGER (Name, Address, Phone No., Fax, E-mail address)		6. CLIENT AGENCY PROGRAM MANAGER (Name, Address, Phone No., Fax, E-mail)			
Scott A. Levins, Center Director National Personnel Records Center 1 Archives Drive, Room 360 St. Louis, MO 63138 E-Mail Address: <a href="mailto:scott.levins@nara.gov">scott.levins@nara.gov</a> Phone: 314.801.0587 Fax: 314.801.0605		Rochelle D. Israel, Manager, HRSSC United States Postal Service PO Box 970500 Greensboro, NC 27497-0500 E-Mail Address: <a href="mailto:rochelle.d.israel@usps.gov">rochelle.d.israel@usps.gov</a> Phone: 336.662.4022 Fax: 336.662.4037			
7. PRODUCT/SERVICE TO BE PERFORMED:		Attachments:			
Printing and mailing fulfillment services of electronic Official Personnel Folders (eOPF) requested by the Postal Service and Federal Agency Personnel Officials		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> See Attached FY 2017 Interagency Agreement with Terms and Conditions and Billing Rates			
8. ESTIMATED COSTS (Actual Costs will be determined by usage of Records Center Storage and Services.)		9. STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION:			
Total FY 2017 Funding: \$150,000.00 <i>Unless otherwise indicated, the amount appearing above will be recorded as the obligated amount of this agreement.</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 39 USC § 411 & 39 USC § 410 (USPS Authorizing Legislation) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 44 USC § 2901 note (NARA Revolving Fund Authorizing Legislation)			
10. PAYMENT METHOD	11. BILLING SCHEDULE		12. CLIENT AGENCY BILLING OFFICE ADDRESS, PHONE NO., FAX NO.		
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 SCOTT A. LEVINS Director National Personnel Records Center Date: 9/30/16			 JOSEPH R. BRUCE Manager, HQ Human Resources United States Postal Service Date: 9/30/16		

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

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## AF177010 – FY 2017 NARA LOCAL INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

#### I. Purpose

This Agreement (hereafter the “Agreement”) sets forth the terms and conditions under which the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) (hereafter “NARA/NPRC”) shall provide electronic Official Personnel Folder fulfillment services to the United States Postal Service (hereafter “the Postal Service or USPS”).

#### II. Statement of Work

As directed by the Postal Service, NARA/NPRC is responsible for fulfilling two types of services:

1. Printing and Mailing Fulfillment Services of eOPF records ordered by the Postal Service through the Eagan Data Center Network and printed on the Postal Service-owned, high-speed printer currently located in NARA/NPRC's possession, and
2. Printing and Mailing Fulfillment Services of eOPF records requested by Federal Agency Personnel Officials for the express purpose of deciding official personnel actions; this is initiated by submission of a properly completed Standard Form (SF 127), *Request for Official Personnel Folder (Feb., 2011)* and then ordered by NARA/NPRC employees via the Eagan Data Center Network and printed locally.

These services are provided in a controlled work environment approved by the Postal Service.

All other requests, including, but not limited to, requests by former postal employees or third parties for Postal Service eOPF and paper OPF records, paper OPF reference work, and paper OPF interfile services, are managed by the National NARA Interagency Agreement.

### III. Responsibilities, Scope of Goods and Services to Be Supplied by the Postal Service

#### The Postal Service agrees to the following requirements:

Manage a communication interface with NARA/NPRC-CPR, 1411 Boulder Blvd., Valmeyer, IL, and re-install and re-configure as needed if the high-speed printer is moved or replaced.

Furnish to NARA/NPRC computer equipment (hardware and software) specifications to ensure compatibility between systems.

Maintain the server to include operating system and virus software updates and patches.

Determine whether a request for documents contained in an eOPF is authorized under the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a, in accordance with Postal Service Handbook AS-353, *Guide to Privacy, the Freedom of Information Act, and Records Management*; and, if requested by NARA/NPRC, will provide written advice to NARA/NPRC regarding such determination within five business days. (Correspondence with the Postal Service by e-mail messaging is acceptable provided any personally identifiable information is always encrypted.) Requests for documents in an eOPF governed by another agency's Privacy Act regulations (e.g., the Office of Personnel Management's regulations) will be referred to the appropriate agency.

Transmit to NARA/NPRC via the high-speed printer batch case files containing eOPF documents that have been requested by current Postal Service employees or authorized third parties.

Send to NARA/NPRC via the high-speed printer a file containing a list of the requested eOPFs with each transmission.

Configure the system feed so that NARA/NPRC has the capability to print a colored separator (address sheet) between each case file printed on the high-speed printer.

Include at the beginning of each eOPF case file, printed on the high-speed printer, an address sheet and transmittal letter with each print case file (response).

- The address sheet will be the first page of the print case file and contain a complete mailing address and Postal Service return address (employee's district personnel office or other office responsible for HR-related activities/work).
- The transmittal letter will identify the subject of the record, common information for each request, and provide contact information to the employee or employee's authorized representative.

The high-speed printer purchased in 2008 is beyond its 5-year depreciation schedule. During FY 2017, the Postal Service and NARA/NPRC will work to identify the ongoing printer requirements, target a timeline (FY 2018 or later) for replacing the printer, and locate a printer that meets the needs of the project at a reasonable cost. In the interim, the Postal Service will reimburse NARA/NPRC for service, maintenance, and supply costs as a one-time fee at the beginning of each fiscal year as described in the Financial Administration Section.

Inform NARA/NPRC of any required changes in the Postal Service's requirements in maintaining a secure work environment in accordance with Postal Service Handbook AS-805, Information Security.

#### **IV. Responsibilities, Scope of Goods and Services to Be Supplied by NARA/NPRC**

##### NARA/NPRC agrees to the following Postal Service requirements:

Meet all of the Postal Service's requirements in establishing a secure work environment in accordance with Postal Service Handbook AS-805, Information Security, and comply with recommendations made by the Postal Service Site Security Team.

Utilize the high-speed printer to meet Postal Service work specifications and provide printer supplies.

Ensure that a printer maintenance agreement to service the high-speed printer remains in place for the duration of this Agreement. (NARA/NPRC has established a maintenance agreement for maintenance of the printer with Xerox Corporation, which will remain in place through September 30, 2017.)

Provide high-quality, print-management images and other printer functioning capabilities by proper maintenance of the high-speed printer pursuant to maintenance agreement and stocking supplies for printing needs.

Print copies of Postal Service requested eOPF documents in duplex on 8-1/2 X 11 paper using high speed printer. To accompany each response, print a transmittal letter and address sheet that includes the complete mailing address and Postal Service return address.

Sort Postal Service requested response documents for each employee using the address sheet (printed on colored paper) as a separator page between responses.

Verify on Postal Service-requested response documents that the employee name on the first and last document of each set of response documents matches the employee name on the transmittal letter.

For Postal Service-requested response documents, place address sheet, transmittal letter, and copies of requested documents in an approved *PRIORITY MAIL FLAT RATE®* envelope. Using online *CLICK-N-SHIP®* for postage, mailing address, bar code, and the return Postal Service address, the documents will be mailed via *Flat Rate Priority Mail®*.

Mail eOPF documents via the Postal Service's *PRIORITY MAIL FLAT RATE®* using online *CLICK-N-SHIP®* for postage no more than 5 business days after receiving the batch case files from Postal Service. (In no case may NARA release nonpublic information from a Postal Service-owned document to a third party (except Federal Agency requests for the express purpose of official personnel actions) unless the Postal Service has first certified that the release is authorized.)

Respond to Federal Agency requests on behalf of former Postal Service employees for the express purpose of official personnel actions through a properly completed Standard Form (SF 127), *Request for Official Personnel Folder (Feb., 2011)*, by mailing requested paper copies of Postal Service eOPFs via the Postal Service's *PRIORITY MAIL FLAT RATE®* using online *CLICK-N-SHIP®* for postage no more than 5 business days after receiving the official personnel request.

Provide a quarterly report (January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1, or the first business day after these dates) of any and all record disclosures made by the NARA/NPRC about Postal Service current or former employees. The Postal Service will provide an Excel spreadsheet for this purpose including, but not limited to, the requestor's name and title, the name of the individual whose records are being requested, any other information being requested, the purpose of the request, and the date the records are mailed/released. This report will be sent to Mary Jane Kramer via encrypted e-mail message, at [mary.j.kramer@usps.gov](mailto:mary.j.kramer@usps.gov). NARA/NPRC will be paid \$135.00 per month for this report. The report will be provided by NARA/NPRC as specified above; however, NARA/NPRC will not be responsible for this report until the Postal Service provides the Excel spreadsheet with the required fields. The NARA/NPRC will notify the Postal Service immediately upon receipt of the Excel spreadsheet if the NARA/NPRC does not collect information for any of the requested field requirements. If the report requires more time than 3 hours per month to complete, NARA/NPRC reserves the right to renegotiate this fee. NARA/NPRC will advise the Postal Service if the compilation of this report requires more than three hours a month; in such case, NARA/NPRC may negotiate additional fees. Any additional fees must be approved in writing by both NARA/NPRC and the Postal Service before becoming effective.

NARA/NPRC employees who access and download Postal Service documents to their workstations will comply with all Postal Service instructions regarding the confidentiality and security of such documents.

Meet all Postal Service Privacy Protection:

1. NARA/NPRC, its employees, or its contractors (hereinafter, "NARA/NPRC"), operates a system of records on behalf of the Postal Service, the Privacy Act of 1974 and subsequent amendments (5 U.S.C. 552a) (hereinafter "the Act") and Postal Service regulations at 39 CFR Parts 266-267 apply to those records. NARA/NPRC is considered to operate a system of records if it maintains records (including collecting, using, revising, or disseminating records) from which information is retrieved by the name of an individual or by some number, symbol, or other identifier assigned to the individual. NARA/NPRC agrees to comply with the Act and the Postal Service regulations in designing, developing, and operating the system of records, including ensuring that records are current and accurate for their intended use, and incorporating adequate safeguards to prevent misuse or improper disclosure of personal information. Violations of the Act may subject the violator to criminal penalties.
2. Because NARA/NPRC has access to Postal Service information related to both current and former employees ("employee information"), including address information, whether collected online or offline by the Postal Service or by NARA/NPRC acting on its behalf, NARA/NPRC must comply with the following:
  - a. General. With regard to the Postal Service employee information to which it may have access pursuant to this Agreement, NARA/NPRC has access as an agent of the Postal Service and must adhere to the Postal Service Privacy Policy. "Postal Service Privacy Policy" means the official Postal Service Privacy Policy available at <http://usps.com/privacypolicy>.
  - b. Use, Ownership, and Nondisclosure. NARA/NPRC may use Postal Service employee information solely for purposes of this Agreement and may not collect or use such information for non-Postal Service marketing, promotion, or any other purpose without the prior written approval of the Postal Service. NARA/NPRC must restrict access to such information to those employees who need the information to perform work under this Agreement. The Postal Service retains sole ownership and rights to its employee information. Upon completion of this Agreement, NARA/NPRC must turn over all Postal Service employee information in its possession to the Postal Service and must certify in writing that no Postal Service employee information has been retained unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Postal Service.

- c. Legal Demands for Information. If a legal demand is made for Postal Service employee information (such as by subpoena), NARA/NPRC must immediately notify the Postal Service. Point of contact is Janine Castorina, Postal Service Chief Privacy & Records Management Officer at 202-268-3069, janine.castorina@usps.gov. After notification, the Postal Service will determine whether and to what extent to comply with the legal demand and make every effort to respond to the requester or to NARA/NPRC within 10 business days. Should the Postal Service agree to comply with, or unsuccessfully resist, a legal demand, NARA/NPRC may, with the written permission of the Postal Service, release the information specifically demanded.
3. Breach Notification — If there is any actual or suspected breach of any nature in the security of Postal Service data, including Personal Information, NARA/NPRC must immediately notify the Postal Service's Chief Privacy and Records Management Officer as soon as practicable but no later than 24 hours following the detection of a suspected or confirmed breach. NARA/NPRC will be required to follow Postal Service policies regarding breach notification to current or former employees.

## **V. Guidelines to Assist NARA/NPRC with Response to Requests for Information**

The 1971 Postal Service Reorganization Act ("The 1971 Act") exempts the Postal Service from the provisions of Executive Order 12107, "Relating to the Civil Service Commission and Labor Management in the Federal Service" which designated the Official Personnel Folder in Federal Agencies as property of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). The 1971 Act permits the establishment of an independent Postal Service personnel-records-management system. The Postal Service is not bound by OPM rules and regulations governing the establishment, maintenance, and retention of OPFs. The Postal Service also does not follow the Government-wide System of Records but has established its own Postal Service Privacy Act System of Records.

The following guidelines will be used by the NARA/NPRC regarding how to respond to requests for information from electronic Official Personnel Folders under the Postal Service personnel records management system.

### Request from Current Employee

All current employees will make requests for eOPFs through the Eagan Data Center Network portal. If a current employee contacts NARA/NPRC for a copy of their eOPF, NARA/NPRC will redirect them to the USPS HR Shared Services Center for assistance by calling 1-877-477-3273, Option 5.

### Request from Federal Agency Personnel Official

Personnel Department staff from other federal agencies outside the Postal Service are authorized to obtain a copy of an employee's electronic Official Personnel Folder on behalf of the former employee under limited conditions such as for the express purpose of official personnel actions through a properly completed Standard Form (SF 127), *Request for Official Personnel Folder (Feb., 2011)*. This release is authorized by the Postal Service Privacy Act System of Records under Routine Use #7, in accordance with Postal Service Handbook AS-353, *Guide to Privacy, the Freedom of Information Act, and Records Management*.

## **VI. Period of Performance**

The Period of Performance will be from October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2017.

## VII. Financial Administration

A total funding amount for the FY 2017 Agreement of \$150,000.00 is budgeted by the Postal Service for these services. The transactional billing rates for this FY 2017 Agreement are listed on the last page of this Agreement. Service, maintenance, and supply costs for the high-speed printer are \$8,190.00, which will be charged as a one-time only fee that appears on the October 2016 Invoice. These service, maintenance, and supply costs are charged separately from the transactional billing rates. The transactional billing rates include mailing costs associated with using *PRIORITY MAIL FLAT RATE®* using online *CLICK-N-SHIP®* for postage.

The cost for services may be renegotiated by both parties to adjust for inflation, increases in salary costs resulting from the Federal Employees Pay Comparability Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-509), for increased costs of forms and materials, or as requirements change. Such adjustments will be documented by a written amendment to this Agreement initiated by NARA/NPRC and will become effective as provided in such amendment, signed by both parties.

NARA/NPRC will bill monthly in arrears based on actual services provided. Billing will be submitted as specified via e-mail correspondence with an accompanying spreadsheet showing numbers and types of requests completed and associated fees assessed for the services rendered. Invoices shall be certified for remittance or returned for correction within 10 business days of the date of the invoice. The Postal Service will remit payment within 30 days of the invoice date. If NARA/NPRC fails to provide adequate billing documentation, the Postal Service may withhold payment until receipt of actual billing information or satisfactory explanatory material.

## VIII. Points of Contact (POC)

### Postal Service POC's:

Program Manager: Rochelle D. Israel, 336-662-4022, rochelle.d.israel@usps.gov  
Financial Contact--Primary: Patty Isley, 336-662-4049, patty.i.isley@usps.gov  
Financial Contact--Secondary: April Venable, 336-662-4037, april.c.venable@usps.gov  
HRSSC Support—Primary Contact: Dawn Walton, 336-662-4057, dawn.a.walton@usps.gov  
HRSSC Support—Secondary Contact: Laura Roux, 336-662-4068, laurie.a.roux@usps.gov

Information Systems Security Office: Steve Trom, 651-406-1017, steven.p.trom@usps.gov  
IT Portfolio Program Manager: Diane Houston, 202-268-8309, diane.a.houston@usps.gov  
Printer Repairs: Xerox Corporation Service, 1-800-822-2979, Printer: P120-DPS, Serial #: AFR 288558

HQ Privacy & Records Office/COR: Mary Jane Kramer, 202-268-4137, mary.j.kramer@usps.gov  
Chief Privacy & Records Management Officer: Janine Castorina, 202-268-3069, janine.castorina@usps.gov

### NARA/NPRC POCs:

NARA/NPRC Assistant Director: Kim Gentile, 618-935-3005, kimberly.gentile@nara.gov  
Operations: Greg Berger, 618-935-3017, gregory.berger@nara.gov  
Operations: Pat Resler, 618-935-3010, patricia.resler@nara.gov  
Billing/Financial: Jennifer Moll, 314-801-0699, jennifer.moll@nara.gov

## **IX. Modifications**

This Agreement may be modified only by the written agreement of both parties during the period of performance of this Agreement. The Postal Service shall notify NARA/NPRC if it anticipates a substantial change in the level of transactions it requires from NARA/NPRC as soon as practical.

## **X. Termination**

The Postal Service or NARA/NPRC may terminate this Agreement at any time with 120 calendar days written notification to the other party.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, either party will also have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately by written notice to the other party, in the event that any act of Congress or the Postal Regulatory Commission or any other governmental authority renders the Agreement or activities contemplated hereunder unlawful, or prohibits NARA/NPRC or the Postal Service from performing its obligations hereunder or under any other agreement entered into pursuant hereto.

## **XI. FY 2017 NARA/NRPC Billing Rates**

### USPS Requested (via Eagan Data Center Network) eOPF Fulfillment Services Transactional Billing Rates:

Mail printed copies of eOPF via PRIORITY MAIL FLAT RATE®  
using online CLICK-N-SHIP® for postage \$ 12.25 per case

### Official Federal Agency Requested eOPF Fulfillment Services for the Expressed Purpose of Deciding Personnel Matters Transactional Billing Rate:

Locate, retrieve, and mail copies of eOPF via PRIORITY MAIL FLAT RATE®  
using online CLICK-N-SHIP® for postage \$ 13.10 per case

### High Speed Printer Maintenance Costs:

Postal-Service printer costs will be billed on the October 2016 Invoice \$8,190.00 per FY  
(Printer maintenance costs cover entire fiscal year and this is a one-time billing)

### Quarterly Excel Spreadsheet Report Tracking All NARA/NPRC Record Disclosures Requested:

NARA/NPRC Quarterly Reports to be provided (January 1, April 1, July 1, \$ 135.00 per month  
and October 1, or the first business day after these dates) for any and  
all record disclosures made by the NARA/NPRC about Postal Service  
current and former employees. If the spreadsheet is more labor intensive  
than 3 hours per month and requires more time than this to complete, NARA/NPRC  
reserves the right to renegotiate this fee.  
(See Section IV. Responsibilities, Scope of Goods and Services to Be Supplied by NARA/NPRC)